



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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*Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman
Richard C. Straiton, Selectman
Paul R. Szatkowski, Selectman*

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 7, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Video/ Teleconference video link: <https://zoom.us/j/7360902790>

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PRESENT: First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker, Selectman Richard Straiton, Selectman Paul Szatkowski, Town Counsel Martin Lawlor, Highway Supervisor Robert Dibble, Comptroller Bob Kozlowski, Assistant Comptroller Brad Heering, Attorney John Shea and Dean Pietrorazio, Connecticut Combustion Company.

Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes June 16, 2020:

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker to approve the minutes of June 16, 2020. Vote yes: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Paul Szatkowski. Abstain: Selectman Richard Straiton.

First Selectman's Report:

First Selectman Knickerbocker updated the Selectmen on the push back of Phase 3 from the Governor's office, discussed the opening of the Municipal Center and shared the Triple A bond rating the town received.

Selectman Szatkowski asked to add "Union Contracts" and Establishment of an Ordinance for a Fire Commission" to the agenda.

Selectman Straiton questioned who was monitoring the bars and the restrictions placed on them by the Governor. First Selectman Knickerbocker explained that the Health Department and Economic Development Director Janice Chrzescijanek have been liaisons between businesses and the Town.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Consideration of approval for the Capital Non Recurring purchases:

First Selectman Knickerbocker introduced Dean Pietrorazio, Connecticut Combustion Company to answer any questions the board had. Discussion ensued on the purchase of a 500 gallon, above ground oil tank to be placed behind the Municipal Center in the amount of \$23,540.00

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski to increase the size from 500 gallon to One thousand gallon tank. Discussion ensued.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski to table the item until more information could be gathered. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Highway Supervisor Robert Dibble discussed the purchase of the 2020 Ford F550 4x4 Regular Cab (F5H) and the accessory package.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski to approve the purchase of the Truck and accessory package in the amount of \$81,500.00. Discussion ensued. Selectman Straiton rescinded his motion.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski to approve the purchase of the 2020 Ford F550 4x4 Regular Cab (F5H) in the amount of \$37,480.70, consistent with the state bid. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski to enter into executive session at 7:50 p.m. inviting Town Counsel Martin Lawlor, Comptroller Bob Kozlowski, Assistant Comptroller Brad Heering, Attorney John Shea and Recording Secretary Dionne Craig. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Consideration of ratification of the highway workers union contract (executive session anticipated):

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski to ratify the tentative agreement between the TOWN OF BETHEL (the "Town") and Local 1303-188 of Council #4, AFSCME from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Consideration to approve the contract with Municipal Tax Services (executive session anticipated):

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton to approve the contract with Municipal Tax Services per review and approval of Town Council. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Consideration of sale of the 1997 E-One Cyclone Pumper:

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker to approve the purchase of the 1997 E-One Cyclone Pumper in the amount of \$7,000.00. Discussion ensued. Vote yes: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Vote no: Selectman Szatkowski.

Consideration of Bid Waiver and Contract with Voice Over IP:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski to approve the 5 year contract with Voice Over IP with a maximum amount of \$99,999.00. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski to add "Consideration of Fire Commission Ordinance" to the agenda. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Consideration of Fire Commission Ordinance:

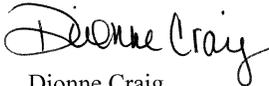
Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker to create a commission to oversee the purchase of capital equipment, including all fire equipment. Discussion ensued and the item was tabled until more information is gathered.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1F70q5XJcM&feature=emb_title

Respectfully submitted



Dionne Craig
Recording Secretary